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1. BOTH OCDN AND MALIAN TRUCK DRIVERS AT PARAKOU HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT GRAIN TRUCKS DO NOT RPT NOT REFUEL AT GAO. (GASOLINE PRICES CHEAPER IN NIAMEY THAN IN GAO.) THEY TOP-UP TANKS AT NIAMEY AND MAKE ROUND TRIP BEFORE AGAIN REFUELING IN NIAMEY. OUR PREVIOUS INFO FROM OCDN SOURCE WAS IN ERROR ON THIS SCORE.

2. GASOLINE SUPPLIES FOR MALI, REFERRED TO IN REF (C), ARE HELD IN PARAKOU. AT PRESENT, STOCKS AT PARAKOU FOR MALI ARE ABOUT 700,000 LITERS GAS-OIL AND 5550,000 LITERS GASOLINE. IN ADDITION, OCDN HAS ANOTHER 4.8 MILLION LITERS GAS-OIL AND 4.8 MILLION LITERS GASOLINE DESTINED FOR VI

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REGION. LATTER PRESUMABLY IS HELD AT COTONOU. TRANSPORT

IS AFFECTED TO VI REGION FROM PARAKOU BY FIVE TANKER TRUCKS WITH TOTAL CAPACITY OF 137,000 LITERS. MALIAN TRUCK DRIVERS IN PARAKOU CONFIRMED FUEL IS SHORT AT PRESENT IN GAO. OCDN CLAIMS THIS IS MAINLY DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY OF TANK TRUCK FLEET. MORE COULD BE SENT IF TANKERS COULD BE OBTAINED FROM NIGER OR SOME OTHER SOURCE.

3. OCDN DOES NOT SELL FUEL, IT ONLY TRANSPORTS IT. CHARGE TO TRANSPORT ONE LITER COTONOU-GAO IS 22-25 CFA. GERMAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME HE PREPARED SEND 30,000 LITERS GASOLINE PER WEEK TO GAO AS SOON AS HE RECEIVES GREEN LIGHT FROM BONN. FRG WILL PAY ALL CHARGES INCLUDING SHIPPING. THIS IS PART OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO SAHELIAN RELIEF. AMBASSADOR NOT SURE HOW LONG BONN ENVISAGES THESE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE. HOWEVER, HE HAS 200,000 DM TO PAY FOR SHIPPING CHARGES.

4. IN 1973, OCDN SENT FOLLOWING AMOUNTS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO GOA: (1) GASOLINE - 857,000 LITERS; (2) KEROSENE - 81,000 LITERS; (3) AVIATION GAS - 102,000 LITERS; (4) GAS-OIL- 1,083,000 LITERS; (5) JET FUEL - 680,000 LITERS. THEY COULD NOT TELL US WHETHER CONSUMPTION WAS SPREAD EVENLY THROUGHOUT YEAR OR WHETHER NEXT FOUR MONTHS WOULD BE PEAK PERIOD.
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